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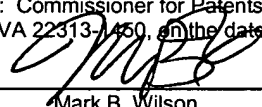


PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Title: *METHOD FOR PREPARING A LATEX WITH PHOTOCHROMIC PROPERTIES AND USES THEREOF, PARTICULARLY IN OPHTHALMOLOGY*

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A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATE JANUARY 7, 2004

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2004 (the Action) for the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of this Response is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A Response to the Office Action begins on 8 of this paper.